

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP

PARISH OF OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

St Edward's Church, Coquet Avenue
Whitley Bay NE26 1EE
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Church Close
West Monkseaton NE25 9PG

PARISH OF ST MARY'S, CULLERCOATS & OUR LADY'S & ST OSWIN'S, TYNEMOUTH

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, YEAR C, 11TH & 12TH JANUARY, 2025

The Cycle of Prayer

Ordinary Time (Winter)

In the time leading up to Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions: Peace on Earth; Openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; the Unemployed.

JUBILEE 2025

Pope Francis has announced 2025 to be a year of Jubilee: "Pilgrims of Hope". It is a year of pilgrimage and prayer, celebration and reconciliation. The Jubilee began on 29 December with Bishop Stephen opening the Holy Doors at St Mary's Cathedral and St Joseph's Church, Hartlepool. Information about the Jubilee Year can be found at: <https://www.bit.ly/DHNjubilee2025>.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us in your son,
Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us,
Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace
spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

FUNERALS

• Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jim Hudson of Barrington Avenue, Cullercoats, who died on 3 January aged 86 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 12.30pm on 22 January at St Mary's Church, Cullercoats, followed by committal at Tynemouth Crematorium. May he rest in peace. Amen.

- Please pray for the repose of the soul of Grant Lawrence Mooney of Millais Gardens, South Shields, who died on 2 January aged 38 years. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am on 5 February at St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, followed by burial at Whitley Bay Cemetery. May he rest in peace. Amen.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — JOURNEY IN FAITH

The next meeting of the Journey in Faith is at 7.00pm on Tuesday 14 January in St Edward's Parish Rooms. All are welcome.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING — 15 JANUARY

The next PPC meeting will take place on Wednesday 15 January at Immaculate Heart Church at 6.30pm. This meeting will be an open meeting for parishioners to attend. If anyone has any matters they wish to raise at the meeting please contact the parish office via e-mail at olss.whitleybay@diocesehn.org.uk.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — WALKING GROUP

The walk on the 17 January will be a short walk followed by lunch in The Cannon, Earsdon. Please contact Peter Weighill if you want a lunch, either by telephone on 0191 2512917 or email at peterweighill@aol.co.uk.

PEACE SUNDAY — 19 JANUARY 2025

Pope Francis' message for the World Day of Peace was published last week and his theme is 'Forgive us our trespasses: Grant us your peace'. The message speaks of our obligation to listen to the 'pleas of an endangered humanity', how the Year of Jubilee inspires us to seek the liberating justice of God in our world and how by 'opening our hearts to our brothers and sisters, we will restore God's justice on earth' and 'move forward to achieve the goal of peace'. Pope Francis asks us to seek the true peace granted by God to disarmed hearts and reminds us that disarming hearts is a task for everyone.

PRAYERS FOR THE LYNCH FAMILY

Please keep in your prayers Bill Lynch, a former parishioner, who died on 19th December, and his wife Kathleen and their family.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy takes place on the second and third Sundays of each month at both churches. Immaculate Heart of Mary, Monkseaton - Saturday evening 6:00pm, 11 & 18 January. St Edwards, Whitley Bay - Sunday morning 10:00am, 12 & 19 January. All of our young children aged between 3 and 11 are invited to attend.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION 2025

Forms for enrolment on this year's programme are available in the Narthex of both St Edward's Church and Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. A return envelope is provided with full eligibility criteria and guidance. The forms can be returned by hand to a catechist before or after weekend Mass on 11/12 and 18/19 January, 8/9 or 15/16 February. Please direct enquiries to 1holycommunionolss@gmail.com.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA FOOD BANK

Thank you for all of your donations to the food bank in 2024. Our Parish is known for its generosity and you have not disappointed. The next collection is on Monday 13 January and the Food Bank is currently in need of hot dogs, tinned meat/chilli/curry/stew, jam/savoury spread, tinned or packet potatoes & tea bags. Thank you.

SLEEPING BAGS WANTED

Do you have any sleeping bags you no longer need? If so, they would be much welcomed by users of Mary's Place Cafe in Newcastle, most of whom are homeless and rough sleepers. If you can help, just email Derek Hooper at derekhooper707@btinternet.com or, alternatively, see Derek or Jenny Hooper (on the Piety Stall) at St Edward's Church after Sunday Mass.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA — SVP 200 CLUB

Subscriptions to cover January to December 2025 are now due. The cost is still £12 per number and can those members still wishing to participate please arrange to provide this amount in cash or cheque payable to "SVP 200 Club" by contacting Bill Crumbley (07889 969639). If anyone is interested in joining, please contact Bill.

OUR LADY'S & ST OSWIN'S & ST MARY'S

Please note the change of email address in the contact box below.

OTHER NOTICES

A YEAR OF HOPE: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE JUBILEE YEAR WITH CAFOD

2025 is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean? Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will be hosting a lively start to the Jubilee on Saturday 18 January, 10.30am to 12.00 midday, online. Register at cafod.org.uk/jubilee.

DIOCESAN HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL EVENING

We invite you to the Diocesan Holocaust Memorial Evening 2025 - For a Better Future. Guest Speakers are Mr David Gold & Mr Smajo Bešo OBE. This is to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau 1945-202 and the 30th anniversary of the Bosnian Genocide 1995-2025. The event is on Wednesday 22 January, 2025 at 7.00pm at St Mary's Catholic School, Benton Park Road, Newcastle NE7 7PE. BOOKING ESSENTIAL. Please email interreligious.relations@diocesehn.org.uk or phone 0191 2433316.

SHARING THE ROSARY

You are very welcome to join us at Holy Name Parish Hall on Towers Avenue, Jesmond for a 4-week course exploring the Rosary, its history and its significance in Catholic prayer. Each one-hour session will include opportunities to learn about the Mysteries of the Rosary, pray a shared Decade, and make your own set of Rosary beads. The course will run on Saturday 25 January, 1 February, 8 February and 22 February 2025. Refreshments will be available from 2.00pm, with sessions finishing at 3.30 pm. To join the course, please telephone 0191 2810940 or email welcome@holynamesjehesmond.co.uk.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

Bishop Stephen will preside at a Celebration of Marriage and Family Life Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 8 February 2025 at 12:00pm. In this year of Jubilee the theme of our Marriage Mass is: "*Faith, Hope and Love*"; as 1 Corinthians tells us, and relating it to marriage: 'So now faith, hope and love abide'. Anyone celebrating a special anniversary can request a certificate by completing a form with their details at <https://bit.ly/DHNMarriageMass> or scan the QR code on the poster, which will take you to the form, or email marriage@diocesehn.org.uk, or telephone 0191 2433316. Certificates will be presented by Bishop Stephen within the Mass. Please see the poster at the back of church for more details.

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

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Cluster Website	www.northtynesidecatholic.org.uk	

Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Office Opening Hours: Wednesday & Thursday, 9.15am - 4.00pm & Friday 9.15am - 2.00pm, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. For bulletin entries please contact the Parish Secretary - email: olss.whitleybay@diocesehn.org.uk or phone 0191 2527066. Items for inclusion in the bulletin should be received by 3.00pm on Wednesday.

Confessions: Saturdays - 10.30am St Mary's, 5.30pm Immaculate Heart of Mary
St Mary's Blessed Sacrament Chapel: Open Daily 7.30am to 7.30pm

MASSES & OTHER SERVICES

DAY & DATE	ST EDWARD'S	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	ST MARY'S	ST OSWIN'S
Saturday 11th January ST AEIRED OF RIEVAULX		6.00pm Edward & Enis Meenaghan (MM)	10.00am Elizabeth Briggs	
Sunday 12th January THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	9.30am People of the Parish		11.00am Maria Mason (JD)	9.30am People of the Parish
Monday 13th January ST HILARY				
Tuesday 14th January	9.30am The Cooke Family (PJC)			10.00am People of the Parish
Wednesday 15th January		9.30am In Thanksgiving (LC)		
Thursday 16th January			10.00am Marie Green	
Friday 17th January ST ANTHONY OF EGYPT	9.30am The Holy Souls (J&MR)			
Saturday 18th January		6.00pm People of the Parish	10.00am Kathleen Dunston (AT)	
Sunday 19th January 2ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9.30am Linda Hughes (YF)		11.00am People of the Parish	9.30am Maureen & Gordon Hogg (BH)

BAPTISM	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH
Saturday, 11th January, 11.30am	Matteo & Marco Cordova-Cook
Sunday, 19th January, 12.30pm	Killian James Eden

Please remember in your prayers: Ann Stroud, Win Foley, Eileen Whalen, Gilbert Rowell, Annette Pilman, Eileen Scott, Michael Thrift, Monica Ramsay, Dora Percival, Susan Swaddle, Martin Kimmitt, Don Williams, Gay Keenaghan, Maureen Ruddick, Andrew Storr, Wanda Parker-Lockwood, Dave Child, Pat Scott, Win Brown, Grace & Oliver Robson, Sheila Clarke, Catherine & Ricci Hudson Storey, Samantha Butler, Cath Peffers, Peter, Maz & Luke Goodwin, Roger Burton and Edwin Whalley who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently: Theresa Lewis, Betty Harrison, Vi Cranmer, Stanley Calvert, Maria Mason, Grant Mooney & Jim Hudson. May they rest in peace. Amen.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS

North Tyneside General Hospital & Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital, Cramlington: Contact the Chaplaincy on 0191 2934268 or Father Sebastian on 01670 712476. **RVI, Freeman and Walkergate Hospitals:** Contact Fr Arockia Mariadass Pagyasamy OCD, on 0191 2733903. **Newcastle General Hospital:** Sister Teresa, 0191 2336161 ext. 28465.

PRIESTS' TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Mgr Andrew Faley 0191 2528021, Fr Chris Hughes 0191 2575801, Fr David Smith 0191 2623882.

READINGS AT MASS
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, YEAR C, 11TH & 12TH JANUARY, 2025

First reading

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.' Go on up to a high mountain, O Sion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, 'Behold your God!' Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 104(103):1b-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-28. 29-30. R1

Bless the LORD, O my soul! My God, how great you are!

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| 1. O LORD my God, how great you are,
clothed in majesty and honour,
wrapped in light as with a robe!
You stretch out the heavens like a tent. | 2. On the waters you lay the foundation for your dwelling.
You make the clouds your chariot;
you ride on the wings of the wind.
You make the winds your messengers,
flame and fire your servants. |
| 3. How many are your works, O LORD!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your creatures.
Vast and wide is the span of the sea,
with its creeping things past counting,
living things great and small. | 4. All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.
You give it, they gather it up;
you open wide your hand, they are well filled. |
| 5. You hide your face, they are dismayed;
you take away their breath, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, and they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth. | |

Second reading

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness, and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. He who is mightier than I is coming, said John. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

At that time: As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, 'I baptise you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.' Now when all the people were baptised by John the Baptist and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**